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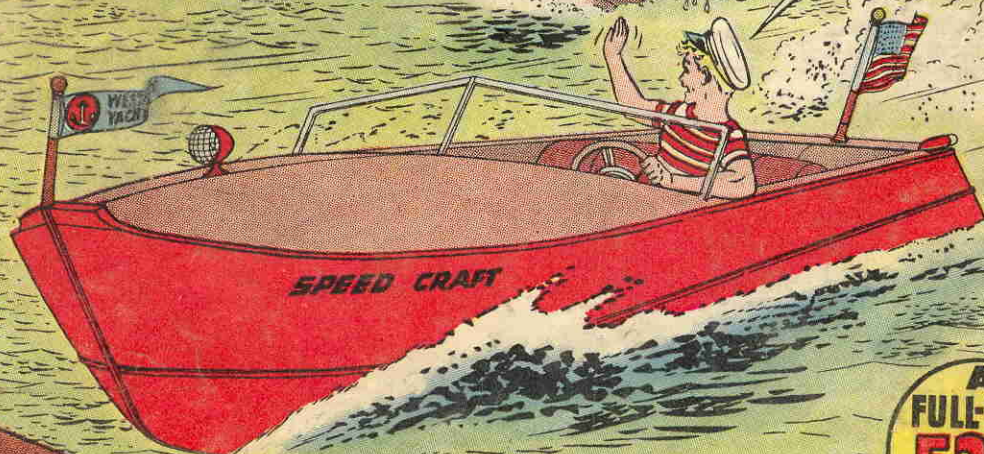
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ON!

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HA, HA—YOU  
DUMB BEGGARS!  
THAT'LL SHOW YOU  
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BETWEEN A REAL  
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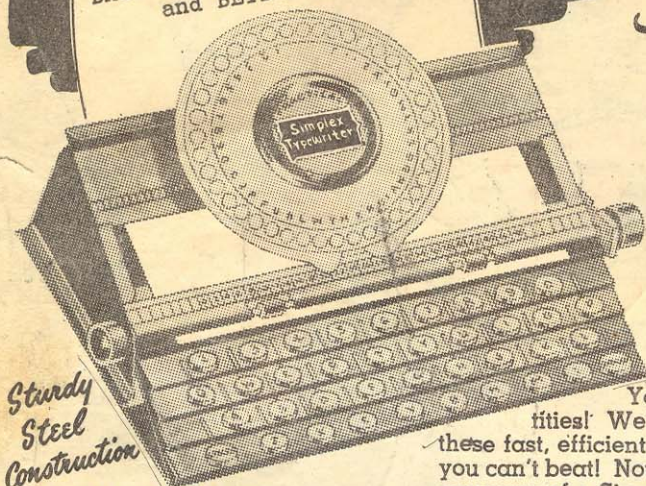


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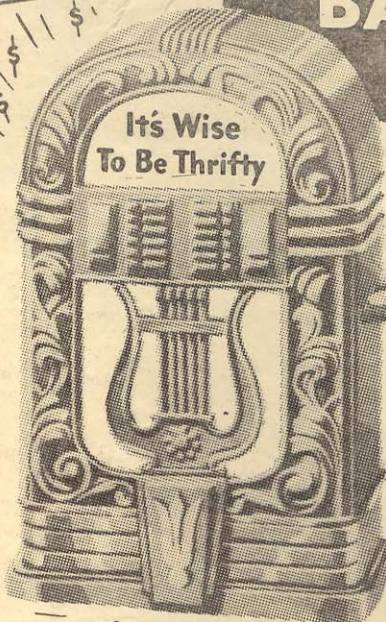
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# CRIMEBUSTER

SURE, I KNEW PAUL GRANGER, ALTHOUGH I CAN'T SAY THAT I'M GLAD OF IT! HE WAS ABOUT THE ROTTENEST HEEL THAT EVER LIVED! WHY, I REMEMBER THE TIMES WHEN WE WERE KIDS, WHEN HE...



**T**HE COUNTLESS PROVERBS AND SONGS THAT HAVE BEEN WRITTEN ABOUT SILVER LININGS AND RAIN AND SHINE AND GRAY SKIES WERE NO IDLE CHATTERINGS! THERE IS A DEEP-ROOTED TRUTH IN THEM! ANYONE TO KNOW HAPPINESS MUST FIRST KNOW SORROW—OTHERWISE, HE COULD NOT APPRECIATE IT!

BUT WHAT MAY BE HEARTACHE FOR ONE, MAY BE HAPPINESS TO ANOTHER BY CONTRAST! THE MAN WHO GRIEVES ABOUT HIS RECEDED HAIRLINE, IS ENVIED BY THE MAN WHO IS COMPLETELY BALD! THE BALD MAN WOULD BE A MIGHTY HAPPY GUY WITH HALF AS MUCH HAIR AS THE MAN WHO'S FEELING SORRY FOR HIMSELF!

TRUE HAPPINESS IS, TO A LARGE PART, A SIMPLE CASE OF APPRECIATING WHAT YOU'VE GOT—AS LITTLE AS IT MIGHT BE, MAKING THE MOST OF IT, AND ABOVE ALL, MAKING OTHERS HAPPY!

THIS STORY IS ABOUT AN UNGRATEFUL BOY, WHO HAD A LOT, BUT DIDN'T APPRECIATE IT! HE WAS UNHAPPY WITH ALL HIS WEALTH AND PHYSICAL ADVANTAGES!

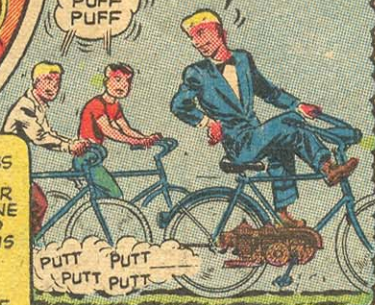
*Charles Biro*

HA HA HA HA HA

SWEAT, YOU SUCKERS! ISN'T IT TOO BAD YOU'RE NOT RICH LIKE ME! I OWN A REAL BIKE!

PUFF PUFF

PUTT PUTT  
PUTT PUTT



HA HA HA HA HA

YOU PAUPERS! WHY DON'T YOU SEND THAT BROKEN DOWN PLUG BACK TO THE GLUE FACTORY AND GET A DECENT OUT-FIT LIKE MINE?



NOW YOU KNOW WHAT A REAL BOAT CAN DO!

HA HA HA HA HA

story by  
**CHARLES BIRO**

**DRAWN BY  
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GOSH, FELLERS, I HOPE WE'VE GOT ALL THE SEAMS CALKED GOOD AND TIGHT! IT SURE WOULD BE TOUGH IF SHE SPRUNG A LEAK AT THE FIRST LAUNCHING!

LET'S BREAK A BOTTLE OF CREAM SODA ON THE BOW ON THE BOW LIKE THEY DO ON BIG SHIPS!



NOT A LEAK! AND LOOK HOW EVENLY KEELED SHE IS! MAYBE WE SHOULD GO IN THE BOAT BUILDING BUSINESS!

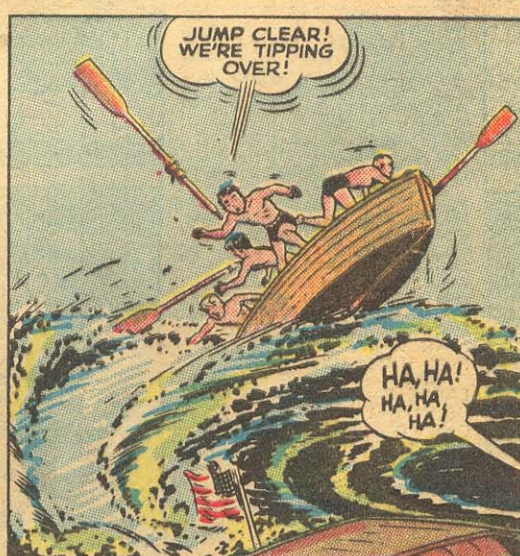
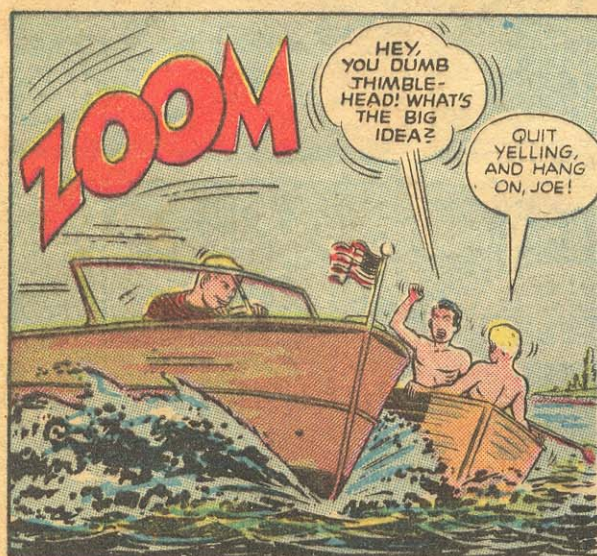
LET'S ROW OVER TO AL CHASE'S LANDING!

LOOK! THERE'S PAUL GRANGER ON THE BOAT CLUB DOCK WATCHING US!

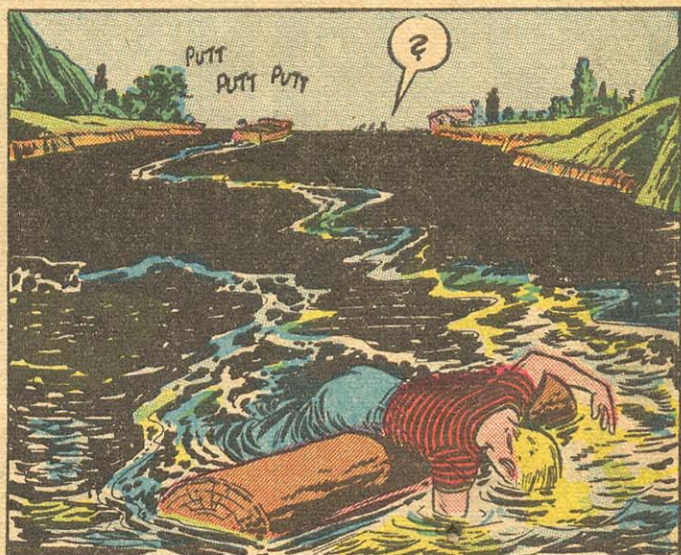
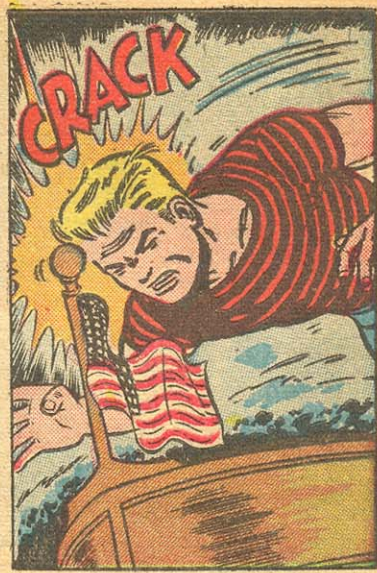
LET HIM WATCH, THE STUCK-UP SNOB!



















HOW DO YOU FEEL NOW THAT YOU'VE HAD A FEW HOURS' SLEEP? HERE, I BROUGHT YOU A LITTLE SNACK!

MY HEADACHE IS GONE, BUT I STILL CAN'T REMEMBER A THING ABOUT MYSELF!

MAYBE WE CAN HELP YOU REMEMBER! WE'LL TRY BY NAMES!



JOHN...BILL... HARRY...JOE... DAN... DO ANY OF THEM STRIKE A NOTE?

NO, IT'S NO USE! THEY'RE JUST NAMES!

BUT WHAT ARE WE GOING TO CALL YOU WHILE YOU'RE HERE? I DON'T LIKE "HEY YOU"!



I KNOW-HOW ABOUT CALLING YOU ROBINSON-FOR ROBINSON CRUSOE, WHO WAS SHIP-WRECKED?

MAKE IT ROBBIE FOR SHORT AND I'LL AGREE! I'M A LOT LUCKIER THAN HE WAS! HE LANDED ON A DESERT ISLAND, BUT I WIND UP WITH YOU SWELL PEOPLE! GEE, I DON'T KNOW EVEN YOUR NAMES!



I'M HARRY BRACE, AND THIS IS MY DAUGHTER, GLADYS! NOW YOU REST AGAIN FOR AWHILE! THEN LATER, IF YOU LIKE, YOU CAN JOIN US DOWNSTAIRS!

THANKS! IT CERTAINLY IS WONDERFUL OF YOU TO TREAT ME SO NICELY!



HIYA, BILL! COME ON IN! GLADYS IS OUT DOING THE SUPPER DISHES, BUT SHE'LL BE IN SOON! HOW ABOUT SOME 500 RUMMY?

THAT SUITS ME, MR. BRACE! HOW DID YOU AND GLADYS ENJOY THE FISHING?



HI, GLAD! WHAT KEPT YOU SO LONG? DON'T YOU KNOW YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE HERE, WHEN THE GUY YOU'RE ENGAGED TO COMES TO SEE YOU!

I WAS DOING THE DISHES! BESIDES, SILLY, I KNEW YOU AND DAD WOULD START YOUR USUAL GAME!



HEY! WHO'S THAT GUY?

OH! DIDN'T DAD TELL YOU? THAT'S ROBBIE-OR AT LEAST THAT'S HIS TEMPORARY NAME, TILL HE REMEMBERS HIS OWN! ROBBIE, THIS IS BILL STEVEN, THE BOY I'M ENGAGED TO!



I DON'T GET IT!

WE FOUND ROBBIE HALF DROWNED IN THE RIVER THIS AFTERNOON! WHEN HE CAME TO, HE COULDN'T REMEMBER WHO HE WAS, SO HE'S STAYING WITH US, UNTIL IT ALL COMES BACK TO HIM!

NICE TO MEET YOU!

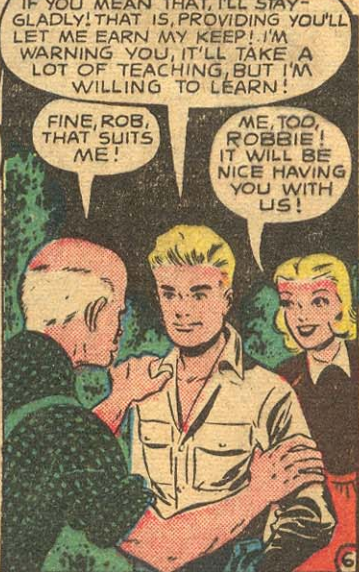


WON'T YOU SIT DOWN AND JOIN US IN A GAME OF RUMMY?

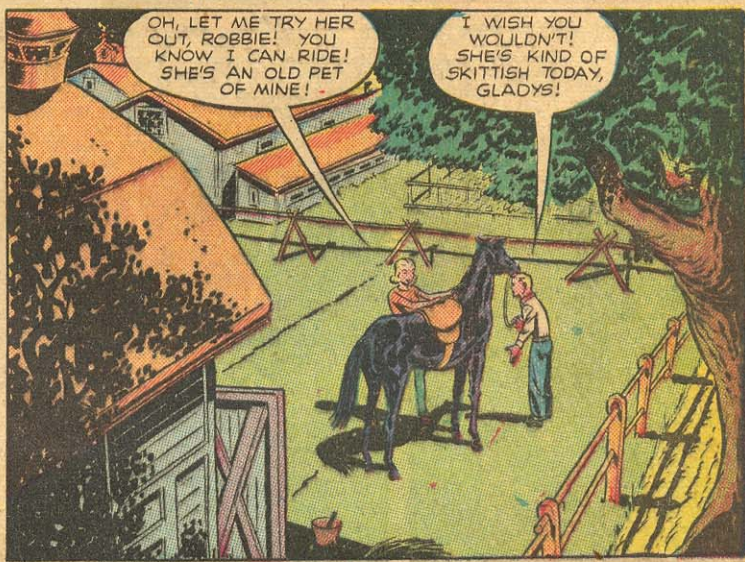
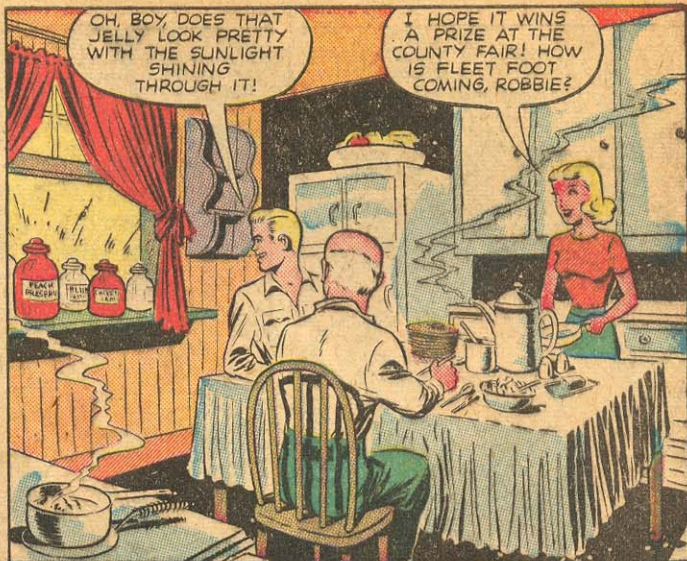
THANKS MR. BRACE-ONLY GOSH, I'M AFRAID I'VE FORGOTTEN HOW TO PLAY!

OH THAT'S ALL RIGHT! WE'LL TEACH YOU! MAYBE IT'LL HELP YOU REGAIN YOUR MEMORY!

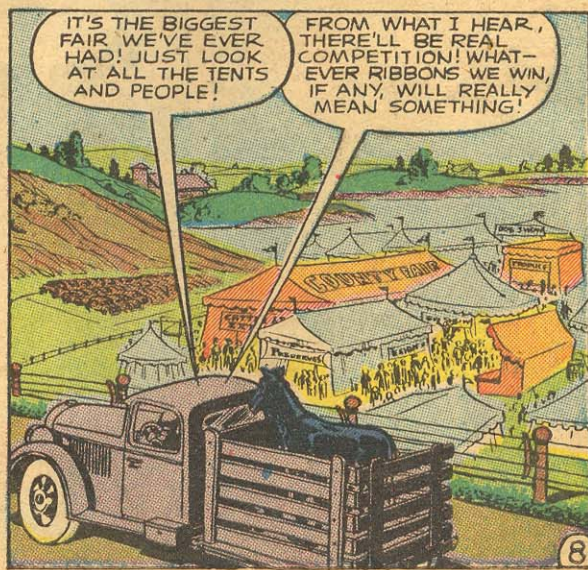
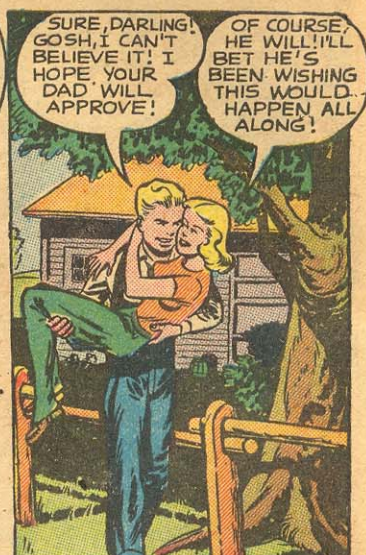




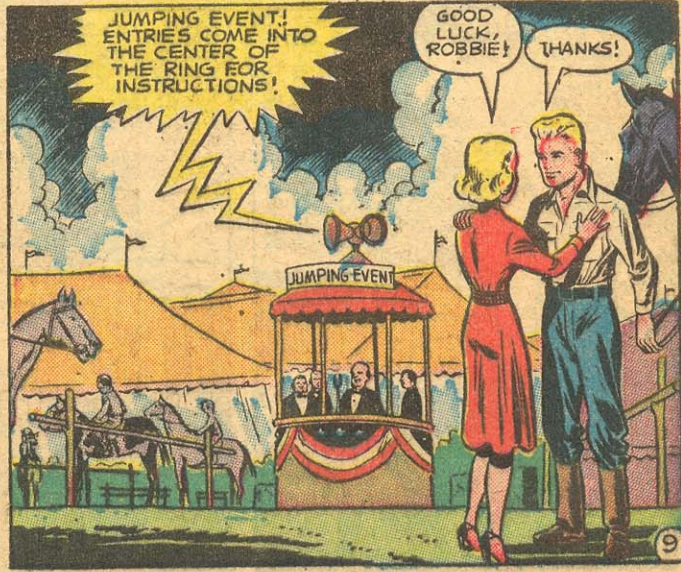
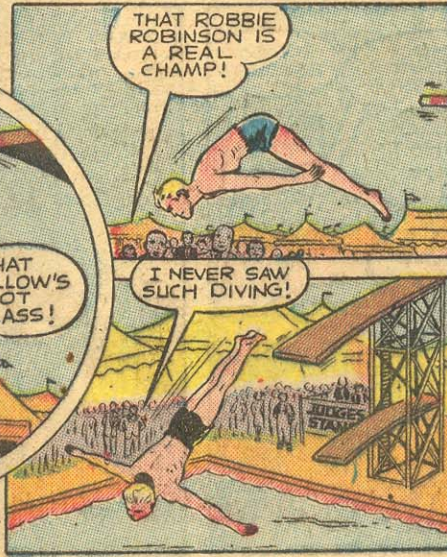
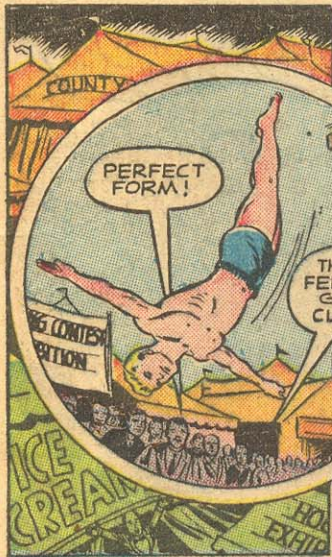
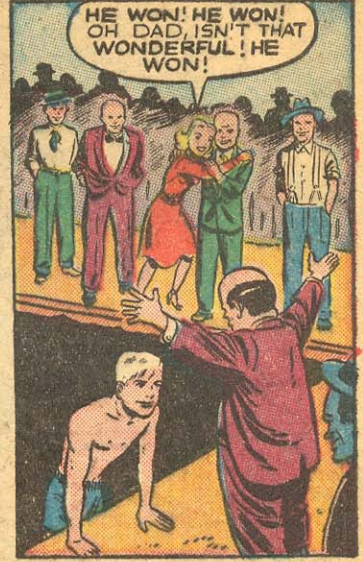
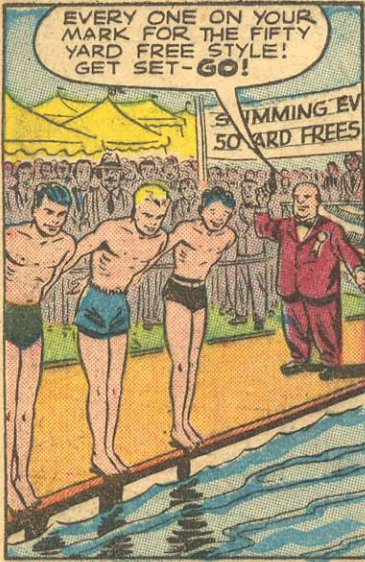




















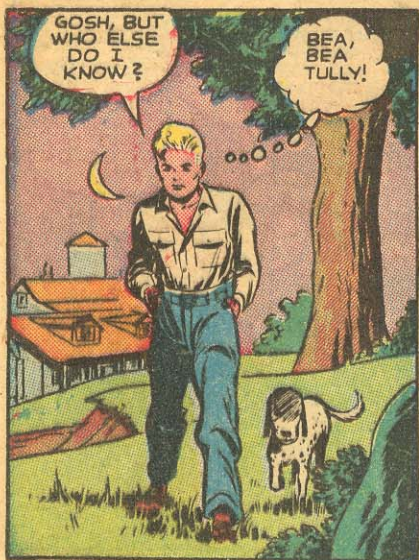
















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BILL, YOU'RE A BRUTE! ROBBIE'S HURT! HE'S HURT BAD! OH, WHY DID YOU DO IT! MAYBE HE'S DYING!

YOU WANTED ME TO LICK HIM! YOU SAID YOU DID!



I DID NOT! WHY WOULD I WANT THE MAN I LOVE TO GET HURT! NOW YOU GET HIM TO A DOCTOR! HURRY!

OH ALRIGHT! I GUESS HE HIT HIS HEAD ON THE STONE! BUT IT WASN'T MY FAULT!



BE CAREFUL WITH HIM... OH DEAR... IF ANYTHING HAPPENED TO HIM, I'D DIE!



OOH-MY HEAD! HEY, PUT ME DOWN!

THANK HEAVEN HE'S CONSCIOUS! OH, ROBBIE!



HEY! WHAT GOES ON? WHERE AM I, WHAT HAPPENED?

IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT, BILL! YOU MIGHT HAVE KILLED HIM!



ROBBIE, DARLING! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? GO AWAY, YOU BULLY! LEAVE US ALONE!

HEY, HOLD ON! YOU'RE MY DATE, REMEMBER?

YES! AND HE'S OUR DATE!



LOOK, I DON'T KNOW WHAT ANY OF YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT! I'M NOBODY'S DATE! AND MY NAME'S NOT ROBBIE, EITHER! I'M PAUL GRANGER!

ALL OF YOU-LEAVE ME ALONE WITH HIM! IT'S IMPORTANT! PLEASE GO!



A FINE THING-SHE CALLS ME AND ASKS FOR A DATE, AND NOW SHE TELLS ME TO BEAT IT!

WHAT ABOUT US? HE BROUGHT US AND NOW HE ACTS AS IF WE WERE STRANGERS! I KNOW, YOU BE OUR DATE! THE HECK WITH THOSE DIM WITS!

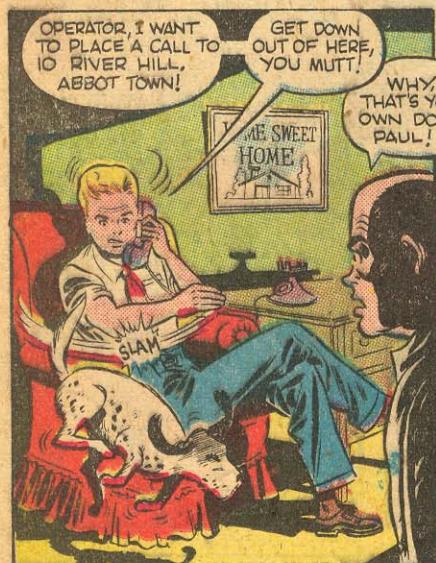
NOW, ROBBIE, YOU QUIT KIDDING! I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT YOU DON'T REMEMBER! YOU'VE BEEN LIVING WITH DAD AND ME FOR THREE YEARS! CAN'T YOU REMEMBER? YOU'D BETTER COME HOME TILL YOU FEEL BETTER, DARLING!

STOP CALLING ME, DARLING! I DON'T EVEN KNOW YOU!

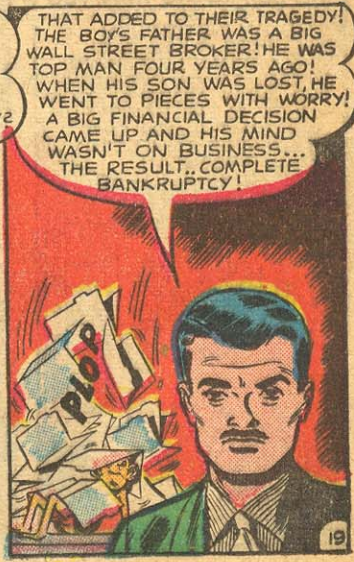
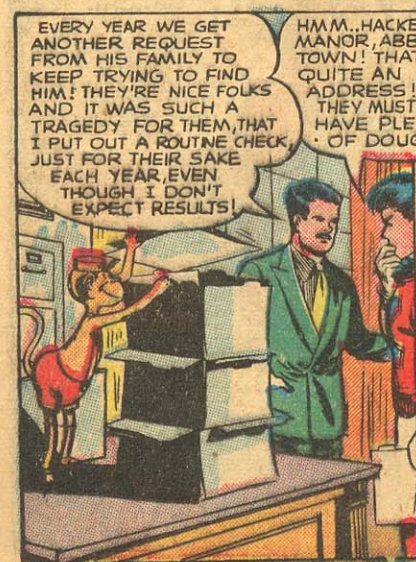
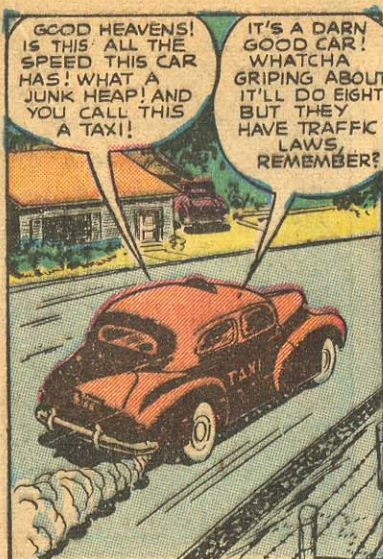














IT WIPED HIM OUT COMPLETELY! EVERY CENT-EVEN HIS HOME! THAT'S WHY HE AND MRS. GRANGER ARE LIVING AT HACKETT'S MANOR- WHICH IS NOW THE STATE POORHOUSE! ALL THEY HAVE TO LIVE FOR IS THE HOPE THAT THEIR SON WILL BE FOUND SOME DAY!



THOSE ARE TOUGH BREAKS! LET ME HAVE A CRACK AT THE CASE, LOOVER!

GO TO IT, C.B. AND LOTS OF LUCK, BUT YOU'LL NEED IT! I'M STILL CONVINCED THAT HE MET WITH A FATAL ACCIDENT!



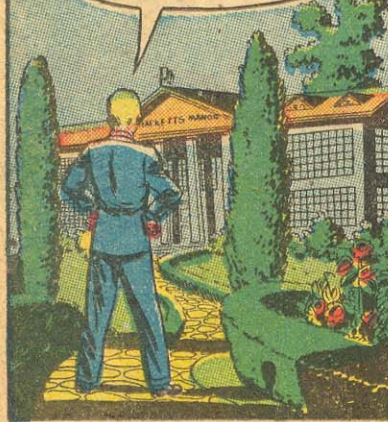
IT'S WORTH A GOOD TRY! IT WOULD BE KIND OF NICE TO MAKE HIS PARENTS' DREAM COME TRUE! I'LL GO OUT TO HACKETT'S MANOR FIRST!

HERE YOU ARE, YOUR HIGHNESS! HACKETT'S MANOR!



THANKS- FOR NOTHING!

HMM..THE MATER'S TASTE IS SLIPPING! THIS PLACE LOOKS POSTIVELY INSTITUTIONAL! IT HAS NO PERSONALITY! WELL, WITH ME AROUND, THERE'LL BE SOME CHANGES MADE!



QUEER SET-UP! I'D LIKE TO SEE MRS. GRANGER!



MRS. GRANGER? LET ME SEE... OH, HERE'S HER SCHEDULE...

IT'S 11:30..SHE'S IN CHARGE OF THE LINENS ON THE THIRD FLOOR RIGHT NOW! I'M SORRY SHE CAN'T BE INTERRUPTED TILL VISITING HOURS!



VISITING HOURS?

REALLY, YOUNG MAN, YOU MUST REALIZE THAT RUNNING AN INSTITUTION REQUIRES RULES AND REGULATIONS! WE PRIDE OURSELVES ON OPERATING THE MOST MODERN POOR-HOUSE IN THE STATE, BUT WE CAN'T ALLOW OUR INMATES COMPLETE FREEDOM!



IF YOUR VISIT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT, YOU MAY TALK TO MR. GRANGER- HE'S WORKING IN THE GARDENS AT THIS HOUR! YOU COULD TALK TO HIM OUT THERE!



I-I GUESS YOU MIS- UNDERSTOOD ME! I-I DIDN'T SAY GRANGER.. I SAID BRAINGER- B-R-A-I-N-G-E-R- MRS. DAVID BRAINGER!

BRAINGER? WHY, WE HAVE NO ONE BY THAT NAME!



OH..OH.. WELL, MAYBE THERE'S SOME MISTAKE! MAYBE THE PARTY I WANT IS AT HACKETT TOWN! SORRY TO HAVE TROUBLED YOU!





MY PARENTS IN A POORHOUSE!...WHEW! LUCKY I DIDN'T SAY WHO I WAS!...WHAT WILL I DO NOW? OH, GOSH, WHAT A MESS! HOW DID IT HAPPEN? I HAVE TO THINK!



MARIE...WILL YOU TAKE CARE OF THIS YOUNG MAN? IT'S MY LUNCH HOUR AND I HAVE A DATE!

CERTAINLY, MISS BOSWELL... MAY I HELP YOU, SIR?



I'M RECHECKING THE CASE OF THE MISSING GRANGER BOY... I THOUGHT PERHAPS YOU MIGHT HAVE SOME SUGGESTIONS, OR HAVE HEARD SOME NEWS!

NO! HIS POOR PARENTS! I DO WISH YOU COULD FIND HIM FOR THEIR SAKE! I WISH I COULD GIVE YOU SOME LEAD-BUT I CAN'T!



WHY NOT TRY QUESTIONING THE NEIGHBORS AT THE GRANGER'S FORMER RESIDENCE AT RIVER HILL? THEY MIGHT REMEMBER SOMETHING!

THANKS! I'LL GIVE IT A TRY!



SO THIS'S WHERE THE GRANGERS USED TO LIVE! FROM THIS TO A POORHOUSE! ...NOT MUCH CHANCE OF THE NEIGHBORS BEING HELPFUL... BUT THIS POSTMAN COMING DOWN THE ROAD...HE MIGHT REMEMBER SOMETHING!

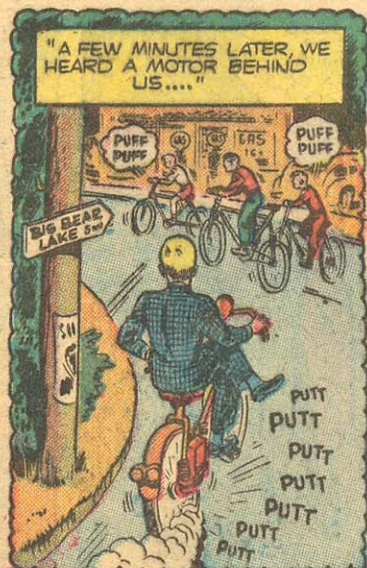


PAUL GRANGER?... SURE I REMEMBER HIM! AND I CAN'T SAY I'M PROUD TO HAVE KNOWN HIM! WE WERE KIDS AT THE TIME-GET IT? KIDS-NOT FRIENDS! EVEN THOUGH WE GREW UP TOGETHER IN THE SAME TOWN, HE WAS TOO GOOD FOR US COMMON, ORDINARY GUYS!

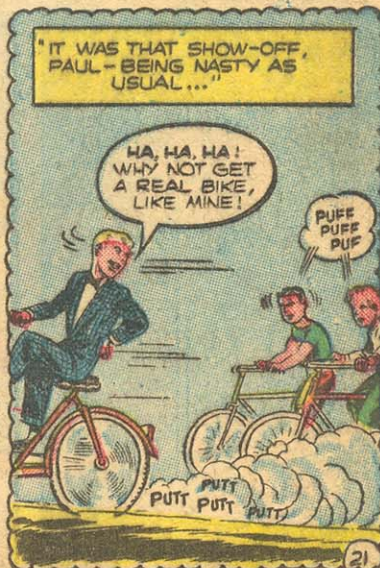


"I REMEMBER THE TIME A BUNCH OF US GUYS WERE GOING ON A BICYCLING TRIP... GRANGER CAME BY IN HIS POP'S CAR..."

JOSEPH! JOSEPH! TURN BACK AT ONCE!



"A FEW MINUTES LATER, WE HEARD A MOTOR BEHIND US..."



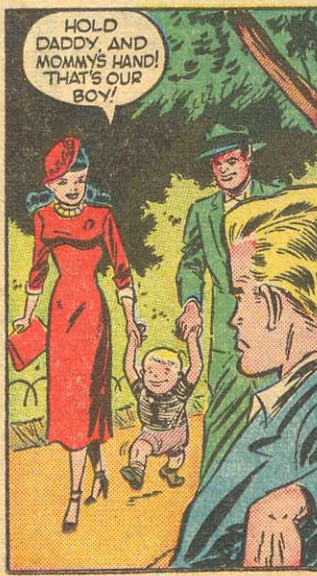
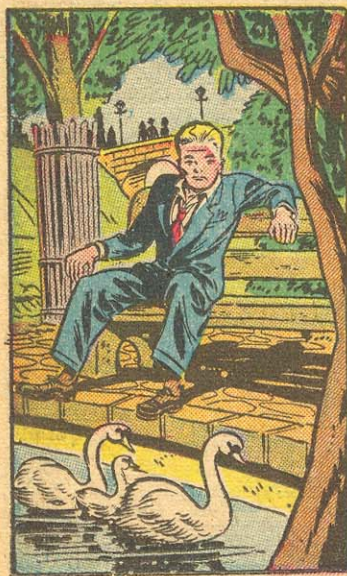
"IT WAS THAT SHOW-OFF, PAUL-BEING NASTY AS USUAL..."

HA, HA, HA! WHY NOT GET A REAL BIKE, LIKE MINE!

PUFF PUFF PUFF

PUTT PUTT PUTT









FORGIVE ME FOR SPEAKING TO YOU, MY BOY BUT YOU'RE JUST ABOUT OUR SON'S AGE! HE LIVES OUT WEST NOW AND WE DO MISS HIM SO! JUST SPEAKING TO YOU MAKES ME FEEL LESS LONESOME SOMEHOW! WHEN YOU GROW OLD, YOU MISS YOUR CHILDREN SO MUCH!

I... I... EXCUSE ME!



GRACIOUS! DID I SAY SOMETHING WRONG, FATHER? WHY... WHY... HE LOOKED AS IF HE WAS CRYING!

POOR BOY-MAYBE HE'S AWAY FROM HOME AND MISSES HIS FOLKS! THAT MIGHT BE IT!



I WANT TO SEE MR. AND MRS. GRANGER AT ONCE! I'M PAUL, THEIR SON!! UNTIL TODAY I DIDN'T KNOW WHERE TO FIND THEM!

OH!... WHY, ERR... IF YOU'LL JUST WAIT HERE A MINUTE, PLEASE!



AND HE SAYS HE'S PAUL GRANGER! ISN'T THAT A COINCIDENCE? WHAT SHALL I DO, CRIMEBUSTER?

I MUST SEE HIM BEFORE HE MEETS HIS PARENTS! STALL HIM OFF TILL I GET THERE! I MUST BE SURE THAT THE MEETING ISN'T TOO GREAT A SHOCK TO THEM! THEY'RE QUITE OLD!



MRS. GRANGER, I'M SORRY, BUT I'LL HAVE TO ASK YOU TO LEAVE A SPACE BETWEEN YOURSELF AND MR. GRANGER TONIGHT! THERE'S A GUEST WE WISH TO SEAT BETWEEN YOU!

OH, DEAR! JOHN! AND I HAVE NEVER BEEN SEPARATED BEFORE!



I DON'T SEE WHY THEY HAVE TO DO THIS TO US!

NEITHER DO I, MY DEAR! IT'S TOO BAD, BUT LET'S NOT ALLOW IT TO UPSET US!



EXCUSE ME, BUT I BELIEVE I AM TO SIT HERE!



WOULD YOU PLEASE PASS THE SALT, SON!

SURE, DAD! SURE, I WILL!

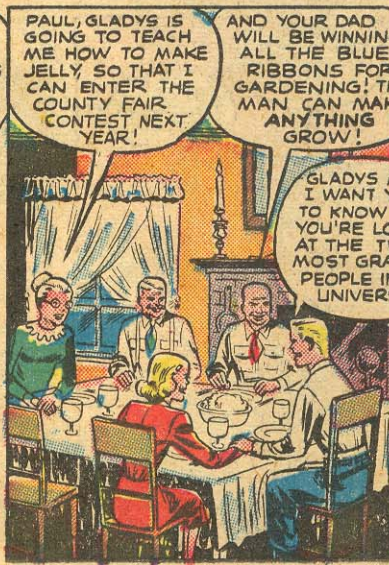


MY SON!

OH, NO! PAUL! OH, PAUL!

DAD! MOM! OH, GOSH! I'M GLAD TO HAVE FOUND YOU!

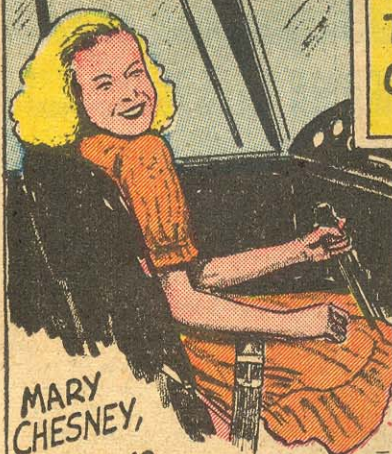






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by CLAUDE H. MOORE



**MARY CHESNEY,**  
AGE 13,

HAS PASSED HER TESTS FOR A PILOT'S LICENSE! HOWEVER, SHE WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR A LICENSE TO FLY TILL SHE IS 16



**ZOE ANN OLSEN,**  
AGE 14,  
Oakland, Calif.

HOLDS EVERY MAJOR WOMAN'S NATIONAL DIVING TITLE FOR INDOOR, OUTDOOR, LOW AND HIGH BOARD DIVING!

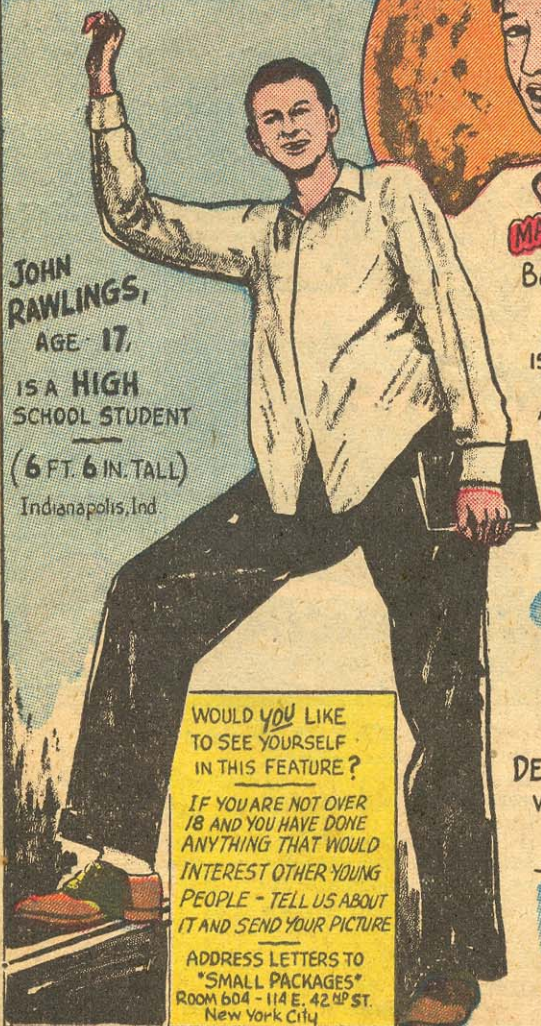


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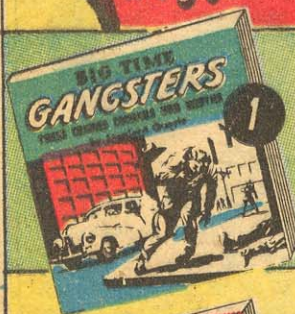
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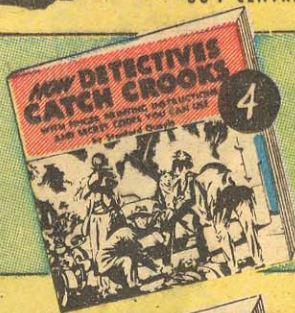


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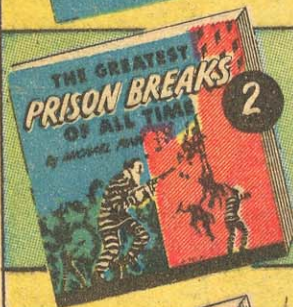


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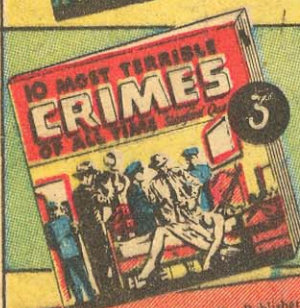


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# JUNGLE JUSTICE

## A DAREDEVIL STORY

**P**OLICE INSPECTOR CRANDALL was breathing hard as he tried to keep up with *Daredevil*, racing through the labyrinthian cellarways of the great West Side Arena. His feet slipped in the scattered sawdust and he gasped great gulps of circus-smelling air as they turned and ran up a steep wooden incline.

"This—this leads to the—main arena, doesn't it?" Crandall's voice was hoarse.

*Daredevil*, in the lead, turned his head to answer briefly. "Right! And from the racket, in there, that's probably where the gorilla is!"

The sight that met their eyes as they burst through the big doors onto the main floor of the arena confirmed *Daredevil's* statement.

In the arena itself, performers, horses and an intermingling of confused spectators milled about, most of them rushing wildly for the exits. In the stands above, a thousand fascinated faces stared at the far side of the huge area. And there, surrounded, but at a respectful distance by men with nets and clubs, stood the huge savage figure of Congo, the biggest gorilla in captivity.

As *Daredevil* and Crandall appeared, a tall man in riding breeches and a cutaway coat approached them.

"Inspector Crandall? I'm Earl Carter, ring-master for the circus. I'm certainly glad to see you! This is terrible. Congo is loose and old John Burnham, his keeper is a suicide! Burnham was the only man who could handle that beast!"

Crandall squinted angrily across the arena at the roaring gorilla. "Why don't you shoot the darned animal?"

Carter was shocked. "Why, he's worth a fortune! Besides, we don't want to risk hitting someone."

"Well, something's got to be done," said *Daredevil*. "The longer he's loose, the more dangerous that ape will be! Crandall, maybe you'd better have a look at that suicide. Meanwhile, I think I know how to tackle Mr. Congo!"

"This is a lot more in my line," muttered Crandall walking off in the direction of the

dressing rooms.

Moments later, after a hurried consultation with the group of animal keepers, *Daredevil* was perched high above the arena floor on a tiny platform, a long dangling rope from the ceiling in his hands.

For a moment, he stood poised on the swaying plank watching Congo, who was pressed back close to the wall near the far exit, glaring at the circle of men surrounding him. Signalling to the men below, *Daredevil* grabbed the long hanging rope and stepped off the platform.

Down, down in a huge arc, he flashed nearly touching the floor at the bottom of the swing, speeding like an arrow towards the huge gorilla. Then, as the arc began to carry him upward, *Daredevil* swung his feet straight out in front of him, and smashed his heels into the animal's jaw!

With a grunt of stunned surprise, Congo's heavy skull snapped back against the wall with a thud heard all over the arena. The waiting men raced forward to fling their nets and ropes over the great crumpled figure as *Daredevil* dropped lightly to the floor.

"Pheww! One ride like that is enough for me," grinned *Daredevil*. "Let the acrobats take over—I'm going down to see how Crandall is making out!"

*Daredevil* glanced around at the single-doored little dressing room, the smashed solid chair back on the floor, and the body of John Burnham, as Crandall talked. The dead man was slumped in another chair, his visored cap askew on his head and blood staining the white hair at his temples.

"It looks as if he shot himself with his own gun—the one in his hand," said Crandall. "He was being fired from the circus, and I wouldn't be surprised if he let the gorilla loose himself. We found this unfinished note addressed to his wife."

Crandall took a crumpled piece of paper from the table in front of the body. "It reads, 'Dear Mary, After all these years, they are going to sell Congo and fire me. But I won't let them get away with it! I'll fix them, and I have an idea how I can—' and that's all he wrote," Crandall



finished. "We can be pretty sure it's his own writing. His daughter is one of the aerialists in the show, and she recognized it."

*Daredevil* glanced around the room again, frowning. "Who found the body?"

Earl Carter, the ringmaster, stepped out of the group of people in the doorway. "I did," he answered. "A few minutes before I heard Congo was loose, I stopped to talk to Burnham. His door was shut, and I knocked. He didn't answer, although I had seen him go in only a few minutes before, so I looked through the key-hole—and saw him as he is now! I had to break that chair there to force my way in, because he had braced it under the doorknob. I was too late, though. He was stone dead!"

*Daredevil* picked up the twisted, sagging chair, closed the door, and braced the heavy solid back of the chair under the knob. "Is this the way it was, Carter?"

Earl Carter nodded. "That's right. It was tough to break down, too!"

*Daredevil* opened the door, and motioned to the group of curious performers outside. "If you don't mind, I must ask you all to leave. Inspector Crandall and I have some official reports to make, and so on."

He turned back to Carter. "Would you mind waiting outside? I'd like to speak to you again in a few minutes."

Carter nodded, and stepped through the door. *Daredevil* closed the door and walked to the center of the room. With a warning wink at Crandall, he began to speak.

"This is no suicide, Crandall," he said. "What do you think?"

Crandall took the hint. "Well, it does look a bit queer," he answered. As the inspector spoke, *Daredevil* stepped softly to the door and leaned his ear against the panel. He waved at Crandall to go on speaking.

Crandall carried on valiantly. "As for suspects, now, there's the man's daughter, and this fellow, Carter," said Crandall, taking shots in the dark. As he spoke, *Daredevil's* hand crept slowly to the doorknob, and suddenly he flung the door wide.

The startled figure of Earl Carter leaped back from the open door, hesitated a moment, and then flashed away in a swift running start.

*Daredevil* shot out of the doorway. "I thought he'd fight, not run! But we'll get him!"

As *Daredevil* raced down the long stone corridor, he spotted a fleeting figure turning into a doorway far ahead. He rounded the same corner a moment later, and realized that he was in the big, darkened area where the animal cages were

kept. As he entered, the flat crack of a pistol and the whistle of a bullet past his ear forced him to hit the floor.

"He'll be tough to find among all these cages," thought *Daredevil* to himself, as the air began to fill with the roarings and chatterings of frightened animals. "But Crandall will cover that other exit. 'We'll get him.'"

At the other side of the room, Carter slid swiftly along the sides of the big animal wagons toward the far door.

"I'm almost there," he muttered. "He hasn't a chance to catch me! He doesn't know the layout, and he'll get lost among the cages! Let's see now—the last one was the tiger cage, and this one is the gorilla's. Only three more down the line and—"

But Carter never finished. Suddenly he felt himself snatched from the floor. Then, like a toy, he was whirled around and crushed against the iron bars of the big cage—his terrified eyes only inches from the face of Congo, the gorilla!

"Sure, it's a simple case, now that the girl has told the story," said Crandall, as he and *Daredevil* watched Carter's body being carried away. "Carter wanted to marry the girl and old man Burnham wouldn't have it. So when Carter saw the beginning of that letter Burnham was writing, he suddenly got the idea of killing Burnham and making it look like suicide. Then he let the gorilla loose just to confuse things. But what tipped you off in the first place?"

"Well, as I told you, if that solid-backed chair had been propped under the knob as Carter had said, nobody could have seen through the key-hole. But the first tip was Burnham's hat. To my knowledge, there's never been a case of a man shooting himself in the head with his hat on. Ever hear of one?"

But Crandall was lost in thought. "Say—I wonder if that gorilla—?"

"You mean, if he knew somehow that Carter had killed his master, and avenged Burnham's death? That we'll never know, Crandall," said *Daredevil*. "But purposely or not, Congo fulfilled the old saying, 'an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth'—the ancient law of jungle justice."

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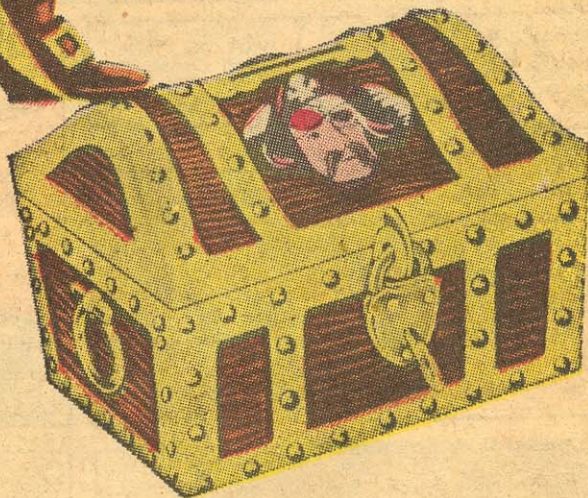
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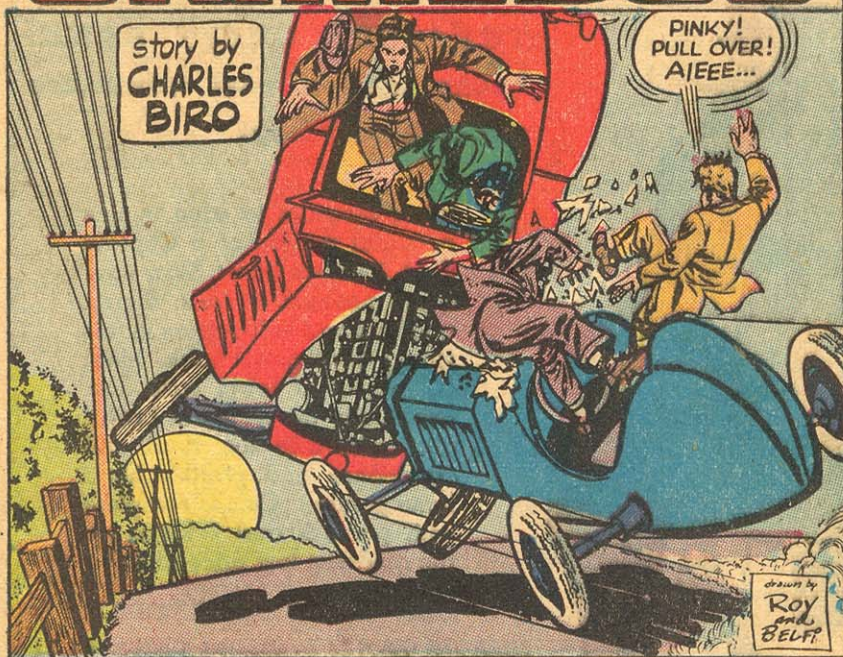
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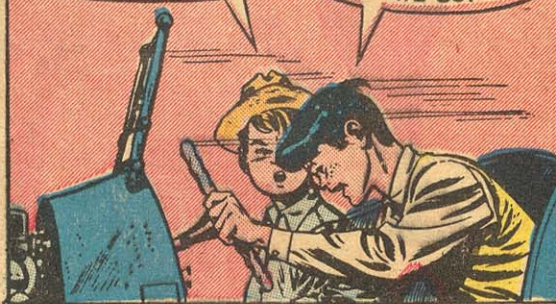
ARE YOU STILL RIDING AROUND IN THAT BROKEN-DOWN KIDDIE CAR? IT'S A WONDER YOU EVER GET TO SCHOOL! I WOULDN'T DEPEND ON THAT TWO-BIT TOY ANYWHERE BUT DOWNHILL!

OH, YEAH? JUST WAIT TILL THE LIGHT CHANGES! THEN WE'LL SEE WHO BEATS WHO!



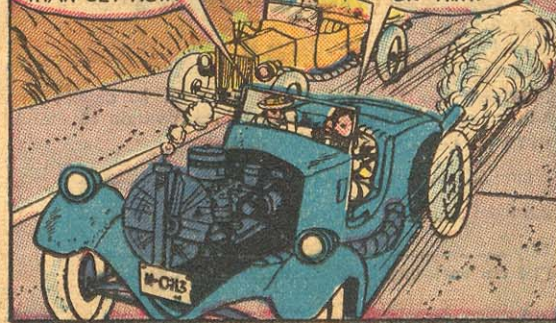
SAVE THE PIECES, JERRY! DICK'S CAR IS WAY FASTER THAN YOURS! YOU CAN'T BEAT HIM AND YOU KNOW IT!

SAYS YOU! I JUST PUT IN A TWIN CARBURETOR! WAIT'LL YOU SEE WHAT THIS BABY DOES NOW! HANG ON—HERE WE GO!



HEY, YOU WEREN'T KIDDIN'! WOW—CREEPERS! THIS THING'S FASTER THAN JET NOW!

? DID YOU SEE DICK'S FACE WHEN I PASSED HIM? HA, HA, THE LAUGH'S ON HIM!

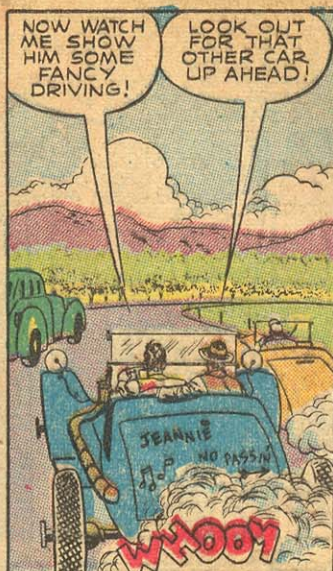






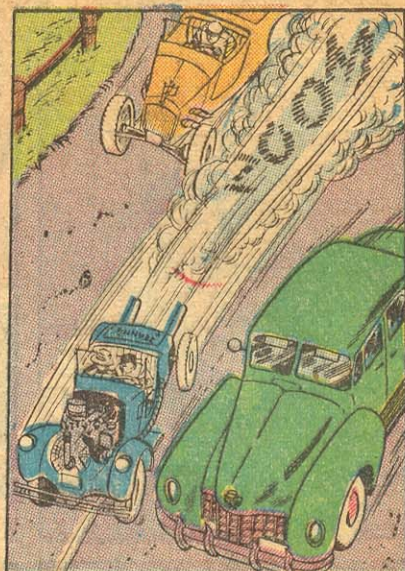
HEY, WATCH IT! HE'S CATCHING UP AGAIN JERRY!

I'M LETTING HIM CATCH UP ON PURPOSE, STEVE! JUST SO I CAN GIVE HIM SOME MORE OF MY SMOKE SCREEN!



NOW WATCH ME SHOW HIM SOME FANCY DRIVING!

LOOK OUT FOR THAT OTHER CAR UP AHEAD!



THE CRAZY FOOLS! DID YOU NOTICE WHO I WAS DRIVING THOSE CARS?



I DIDN'T SEE THE DRIVER OF ONE OF THE CARS, BUT I'M SURE JERRY MILES WAS DRIVING THE OTHER ONE! SEE, THAT'S HIM NOW! HE'S PASSING THAT OTHER CAR! HE'S A JUNIOR NOW, ISN'T HE?



YES, BUT HE SHOULD BE IN A NURSERY SCHOOL! I'VE HAD JUST ABOUT ENOUGH OF THIS RECKLESS DRIVING! MILES IS ONE OF THE WORST OFFENDERS! I'VE HAD HIM ON THE CARPET THREE TIMES IN THE PAST YEAR FOR RACING ON THE HIGHWAY!



AS PRINCIPAL OF WOODLAND HIGH, I'M GOING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT! I KNOW I CAN'T USE MY AUTHORITY TO ACT IN A CASE LIKE THIS, BECAUSE THE STUDENTS AREN'T ACTUALLY UNDER MY JURISDICTION BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL HOURS!

WHAT CAN YOU DO, MR. HARRIS? ISN'T IT MORE OF A POLICE PROBLEM?



THEY'RE DOING THEIR BEST, BUT THEY'RE UNDER-STAFFED! ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, I'M GOING TO GET RESULTS! CALL A GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE LAST PERIOD TODAY, DOUGLAS! I'M GOING TO READ THE WHOLE SCHOOL A RIOT ACT! IF THEY DON'T STOP DRIVING THOSE HOPPED-UP JALOPIES AS THOUGH THEY WERE RACING CARS, I'M GOING TO MAKE GOOD A THREAT THAT WILL BRING THEM TO THEIR SENSES!

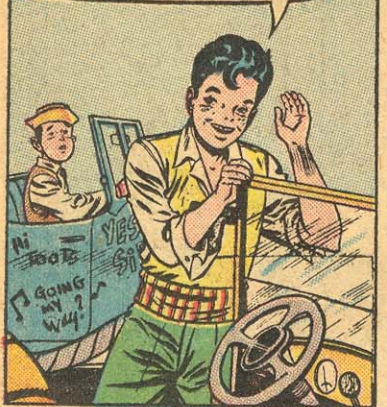


HIYA, DICK, WHAT KEPT YOU? I'VE BEEN HERE FOR FIVE MINUTES! ARE YOU DRAGGING AN ANCHOR, OR WHAT?

YOU MUST THINK YOU'RE SMART! WHAT DID YOU DO, PUT ROCKETS IN THAT THING? ANYHOW, I CAN TELL YOU ONE THING IT'S BURNING OIL LIKE CRAZY. YOU SHOULD SEE YOUR EXHAUST!



CRAWLING BEHIND ME, YOU HAD PLENTY OF CHANCE TO NOTICE IT, PAL! THANKS FOR THE TIP THOUGH! I GUESS I NEED HOTTER SPARK PLUGS! I PUT IN A TWIN CARBURETER! YOU'RE THE GUY WHO NEEDS A NEW ENGINE! WHY DON'T YOU HOP YOURS UP SOME MORE?



HEY, JERRY, IF YOU'RE GOING TO THE COUNTRY CLUB DANCE TONIGHT, YOU'D BETTER HUSTLE UP A DATE! THEY MADE A NEW RULE- NO STAGS ALLOWED, WHICH QUEERS OUR OLD CRASH SYSTEM! I WONDER WHO THOUGHT UP THAT CRUMMY IDEA!



GREETINGS, BEAUTIFUL! HOW'S ABOUT LETTING ME SQUIRE YOU TO THE DANCE TONIGHT, OR AM I A YEAR TOO LATE?



THAT'S A DUMB QUESTION! OF COURSE I'M DRIVING! YOU DIDN'T THINK WE'D WALK TEN MILES, DID YOU? WELL, HOW ABOUT IT?



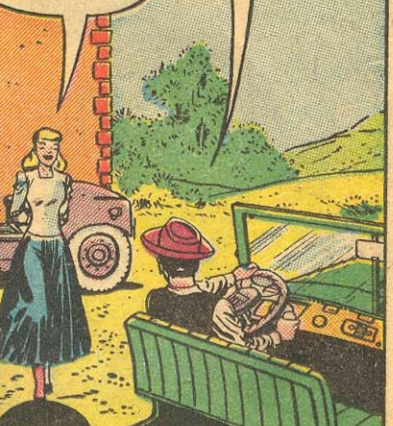
THEN THE ANSWER IS "NO", JERRY, A GREAT BIG, DEFINITE NO!

WHAT'S THE MATTER? ISN'T MY CAR GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU? SOMEBODY IS GETTING MIGHTY SNOOTY!



IT'S NOT THAT AND YOU KNOW IT! YOU KNOW PERFECTLY WELL WHY I WON'T DRIVE WITH YOU! EXCUSE ME, PLEASE! I SEE SOMEONE I MUST TALK TO!

OHH-CRAIG! HAVE YOU A DATE FOR THE CLUB DANCE TONIGHT? IF YOU HAVEN'T, WOULD YOU TAKE ME?



I WAS ABOUT TO ASK YOU! YOU BET I WILL, BABS! WHAT TIME SHALL I CALL FOR YOU?

OHH-ABOUT NINE! I COULD MAKE IT EARLIER, IF YOU'D DO ME A LITTLE FAVOR! WOULD YOU DRIVE ME HOME AFTER SCHOOL? I HAVE A MILLION THINGS TO DO TO GET READY FOR TONIGHT, AND IF I HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE SCHOOL BUS, I'LL NEVER BE READY ON TIME!



SURE, BABS! I'LL MEET YOU AFTER THE LAST PERIOD!

ATTENTION, PLEASE-THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ENTIRE STUDENT BODY DURING THE LAST PERIOD, INSTEAD OF REGULAR CLASSES! MR. HARRIS WISHES EVERYONE TO ATTEND! IT WILL BE ON A SUBJECT OF GREAT IMPORTANCE!

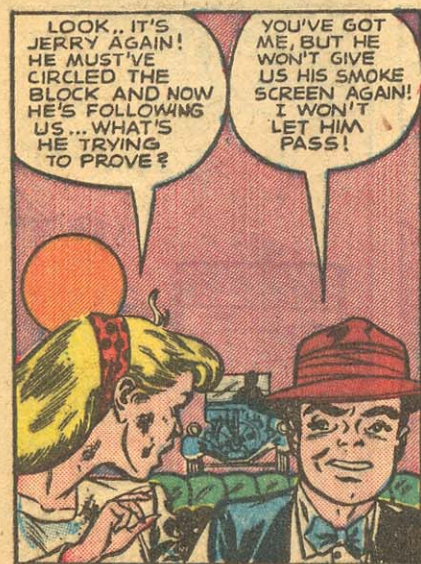
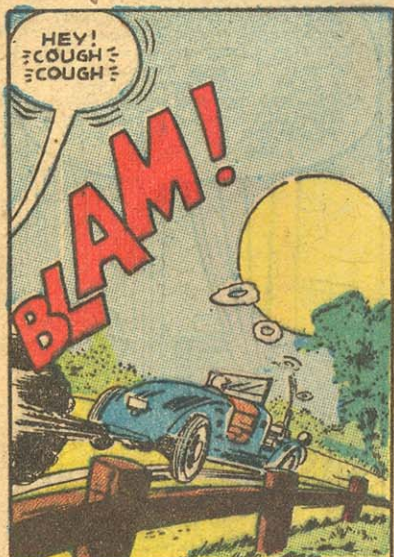


PHOOEY! THEY DON'T CALL ROLL FOR ASSEMBLY! I'M GONNA PACK OFF!

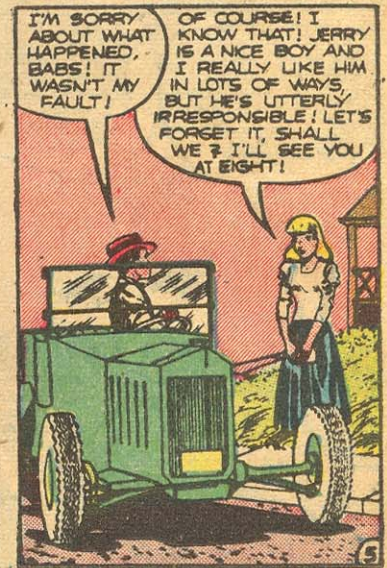
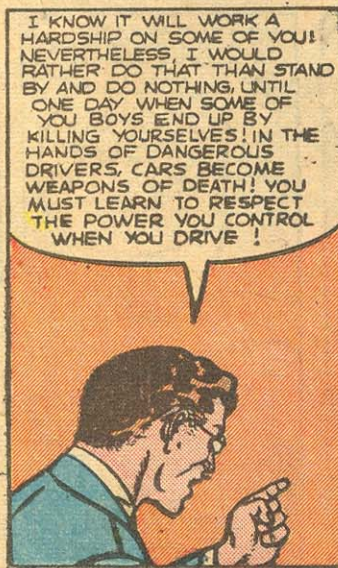
IT'LL BE ABOUT SOME SILLY REGULATION! CRAIG-LET'S CUT! I COULD GET HOME SO MUCH EARLIER!

GEE-BABS... IT SOUNDS PRETTY IMPORTANT! I DON'T LIKE TO MISS IT! BUT IF YOU WANT ME TO...O.K.!











IT'S A NICE DANCE, ISN'T IT, CRAIG? WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THAT NEW RULE ABOUT ONLY ALLOWING COUPLES? IT DOES MAKE A BALANCED PARTY!

SURE, I LIKE IT! NO STAG LINE MEANS LESS CUTTING IN, AND THAT'S FOR ME!



WHAT IF SOME STAGS CRASHED THE PARTY?

PINKY AND DAZZY ARE ACTING AS BOUNCERS! THOSE FOOTBALL HUSKIES WILL TOSS ANY CRASHERS OUT ON THEIR EARS! YOUR GLASS IS EMPTY, BABS! LET ME GET YOU SOME MORE PUNCH!



JERRY! STEVE-HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE WITHOUT DATES? AND YOU HAVE A NERVE COMING TO OUR TABLE, AFTER WHAT YOU DID THIS AFTERNOON! WE MIGHT'VE ALL BEEN KILLED!

DON'T BE A CREPE HANGER! I WOULDN'T HAVE CRASHED INTO CRAIG'S CAR, IF HE HADN'T GOTTEN COLD FEET! THE GUY JUST ISN'T A NATURAL DRIVER!



I WAS THE ONE WHO MADE HIM PULL OVER! I WAS SCARED! YOU'D BETTER NOT LET THE BOUNCERS SEE YOU HERE WITHOUT DATES!

DATES? DATES? WHAT ARE THEY? THE ONLY REASON I CAME WAS TO DROP IN AND DO SOME APOLOGIZING TO YOU, AND NOT TO CUT IN ON CRAIG, WHICH IS WHAT YOU PROBABLY THINK!

OKAY, JERRY, I'LL FORGIVE YOU THIS TIME, AND NOW YOU'D BETTER GET GOING, BEFORE YOU'RE BOUNCED!

AW, BABS, GIVE ME ONE DANCE FIRST! WHY SIT THIS ONE OUT? NO ONE WILL KNOW I CRASHED-UNLESS SOMEONE SQUEALS!



I SHOULDN'T, BUT ALL RIGHT-ONLY ONE DANCE, THOUGH, AND AS SOON AS CRAIG GETS BACK, PROMISE TO BRING ME BACK TO THE TABLE!

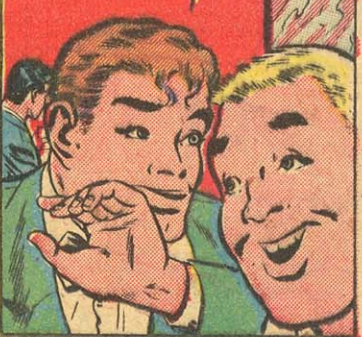
WHATEVER YOU SAY, ANGEL!



HEY, CRAIG, ISN'T THAT YOUR DATE DANCING WITH JERRY MILES? I'LL BET HE CAME STAG! DO YOU WANT ME TO TOSS HIM OUT?

HOLD YOUR HORSES, PINKY! HE MAY HAVE BROUGHT A DATE! ANYWAY, WHETHER HE DID OR NOT, IS NO BUSINESS OF MINE! LEAVE HIM ALONE! I DON'T NEED HELP TO KEEP MY DATE!

HEY, PINKY-FUZZY JONES JUST TIPPED ME OFF THAT STUKIE AND JERRY CRASHED THE PARTY! C'MON, LET'S GIVE THEM THE OLD HEAVE-HO!



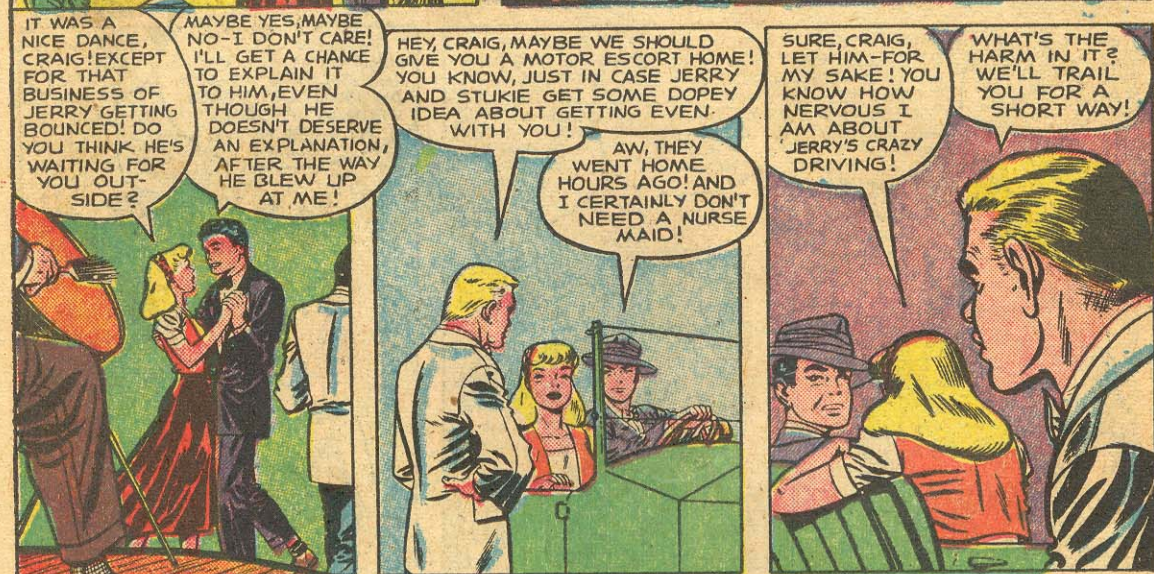
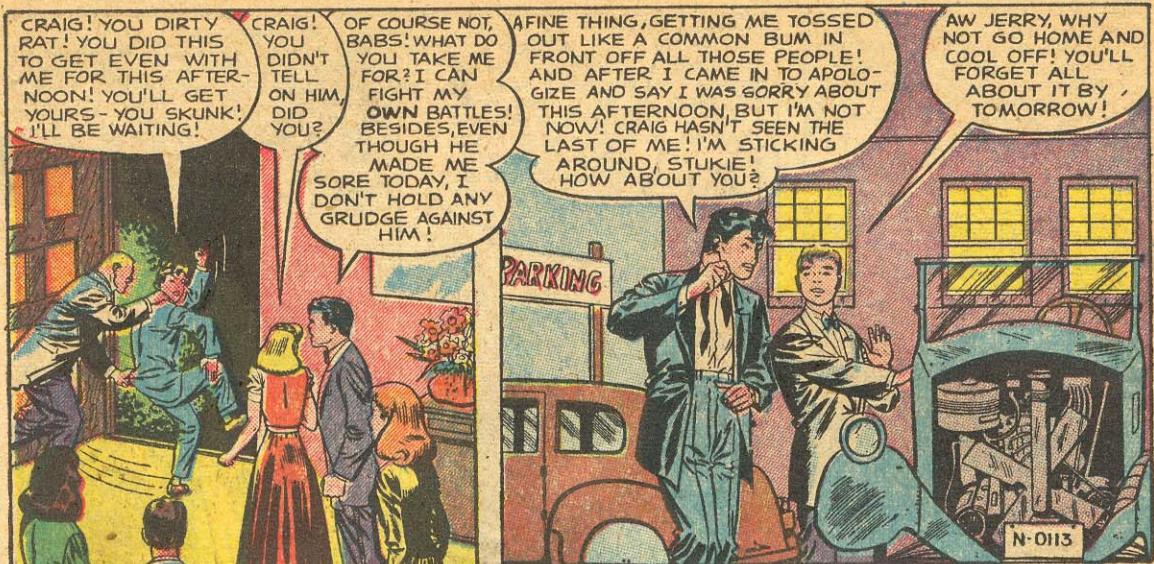
SORRY, JERRY, OLD BOY, BUT IT'S OUT YOU GO! NO STAGS ALLOWED-AS IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW-C'MON, SHUFFLE OFF!

IT WAS CRAIG WHO SQUEALED, WASN'T IT? I SAW HIM TALKING TO YOU AS WE DANCED BY!

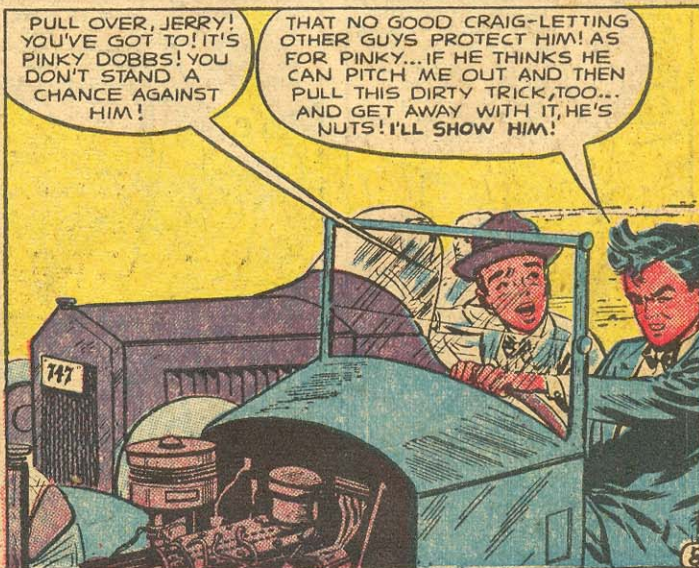
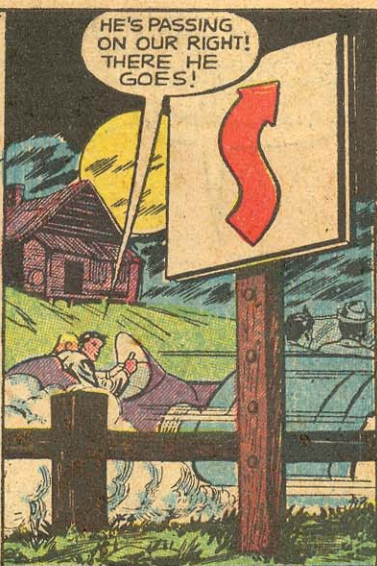
CAN'T WE FINISH THIS DANCE?



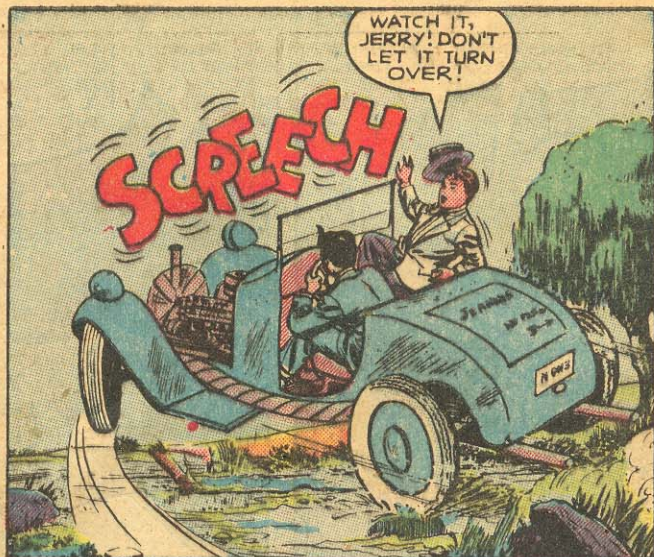




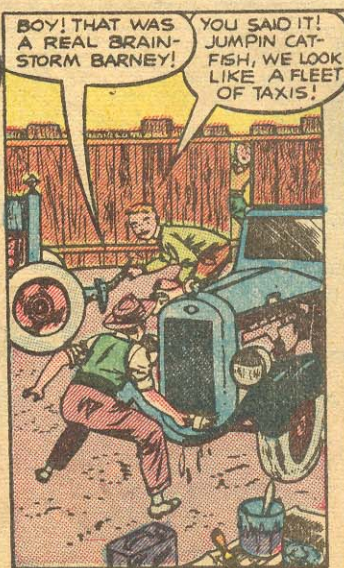
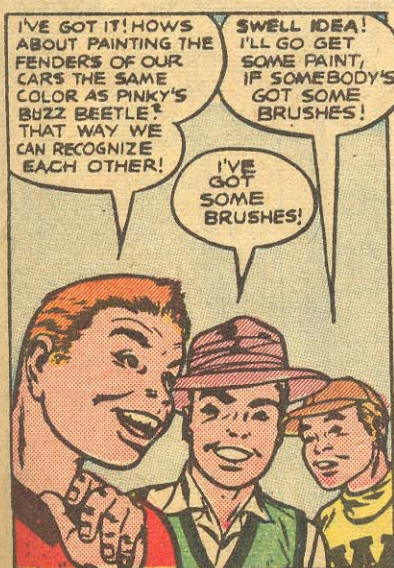
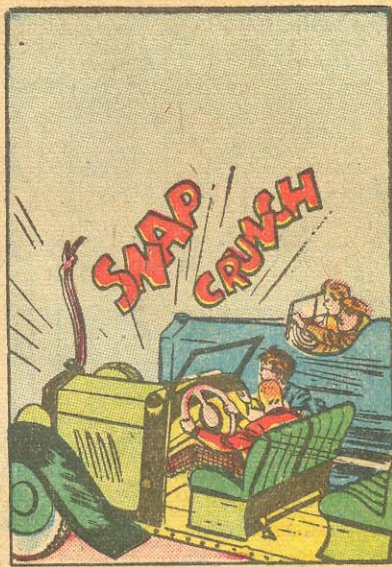














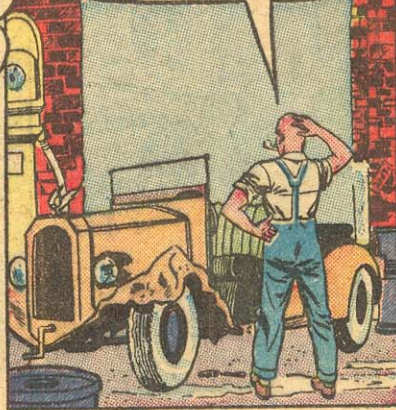
IT'S TURNED INTO A FEUD BETWEEN THE REDS AND THE BLUES! THEY'VE EVEN FORGOTTEN WHY THEY EVER STARTED IT! CAN'T ANYONE STOP THEM?

NO ONE EVER REPORTS THEIR ACCIDENTS, AND SO FAR- THEY'VE NEVER PULLED ANYTHING WHEN ANY STATE TROOPERS WERE AROUND! IF JUST ONCE THE POLICE WERE AROUND!

ANOTHER BUSTED FENDER! HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND HERE? IN THE PAST WEEK IT SEEMS AS IF HALF THE KIDS IN TOWN HAVE BEEN BRINGING IN THEIR CARS FOR REPAIRS! FUNNY THING IS, I NEVER READ IN THE PAPERS OF ANY ACCIDENTS!

DON'T ASK ANY QUESTIONS- JUST WELD IT, WILL YOU, AND HEY, MAYBE WHILE YOU'RE ABOUT IT, YOU COULD PUT SOME KIND OF A STEEL BUMPER ALL THE WAY AROUND!

HUH? YOU CRAZY? WHAT FOR?



HE'S LOSING HIS NERVE!

HE'LL PULL OVER, OR HE'LL BE SORRY!

CRUNCH!

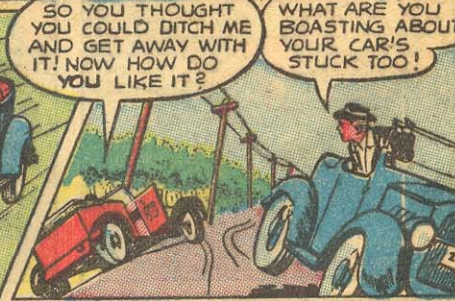
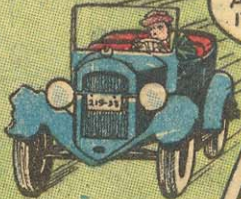
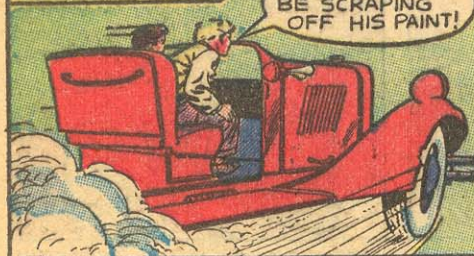
DARN THOSE REDS! THIS IS THE SECOND TIME IN A WEEK!



ANOTHER INCH AND WE'LL BE SCRAPING OFF HIS PAINT!

SO YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD DITCH ME AND GET AWAY WITH IT! NOW HOW DO YOU LIKE IT?

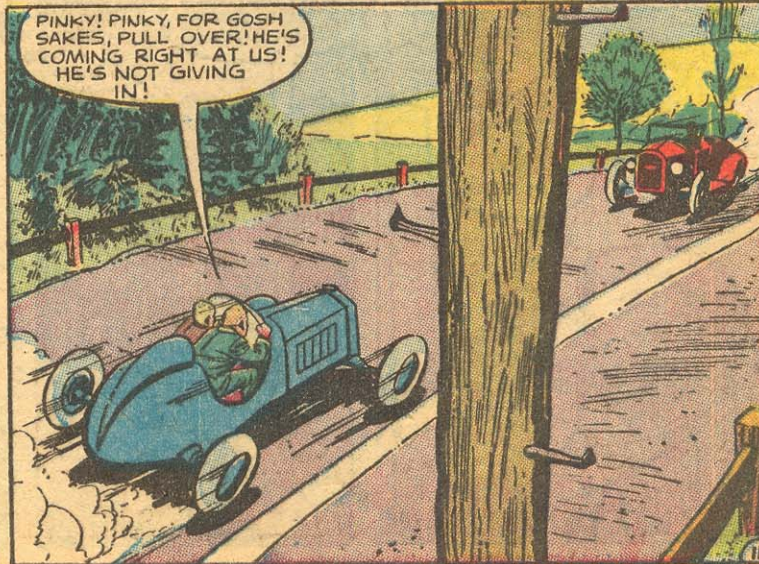
WHAT ARE YOU BOASTING ABOUT! YOUR CAR'S STUCK TOO!



PINKY, LOOK- IT'S ONE OF THE REDS AND IT'S HEADED RIGHT AT US!

IF HE THINKS HE CAN SCARE ME, HE'S CRAZY. I'M NOT GIVING AN INCH!

PINKY! PINKY, FOR GOSH SAKES, PULL OVER! HE'S COMING RIGHT AT US! HE'S NOT GIVING IN!



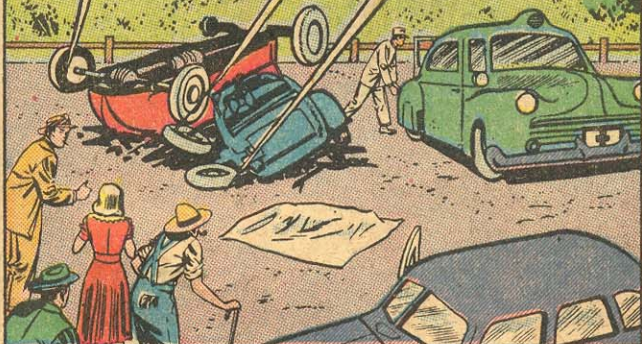




THE DRIVER OF THIS BLUE CAR IS DEAD! THE BOY WITH HIM AND THE OTHER DRIVER ARE IN PRETTY BAD SHAPE!

IT'S DREADFUL—AND ALL YOUNG BOYS! HOW DID IT HAPPEN?

I SAW IT FROM THE FIELD! IT LOOKED TO ME LIKE THEY DELIBERATELY DROVE RIGHT INTO EACH OTHER!



GOSH, DID YOU HEAR WHAT HAPPENED? IT'S AWFUL! PINKY...HE'S DEAD! AND ART WELLS AND DAZZY ARE IN THE HOSPITAL... ALL BANGED UP! THEY HAD A HEAD-ON COLLISION ON ROUTE 17! IT MUST HAVE BEEN TERRIBLE!



GEE... POOR PINKY... DEAD! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

I'LL BET IT WAS ART'S FAULT! IF ANY OF THOSE "RED" GUYS CROSS MY PATH, THEY'D BETTER WATCH OUT!



YEAH, AN' I'LL BET IT WAS PINKY'S FAULT! I PITY THE "BLUE" GUY WHO GETS IN MY WAY!

THIS ACCIDENT SETTLES IT! I'M ASKING THE STATE MOTOR VEHICLE BUREAU TO REVOKE THE LICENSE OF EVERY STUDENT IN THIS SCHOOL! I KNOW IT WON'T BRING BACK PINKY! I ONLY WISH I'D DONE IT BEFORE, BUT I'D HOPED THE BOYS WOULD WORK IT OUT WITH ME!



CRIMEBUSTER, DID YOU READ ABOUT THAT ACCIDENT UP-STATE, INVOLVING THREE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS? ...ONE KILLED AND TWO BADLY INJURED, IN A HEAD-ON COLLISION!

THE ONE IN YESTERDAY'S PAPER? YES, I DID READ ABOUT IT! IT WAS A SHAME!



I'VE HAD A REQUEST FROM THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, MR. HARRIS, TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS PROBLEM OF JUNIOR DRIVERS! HE'S ALREADY REQUESTED THE GOVERNOR TO ASK THE LEGISLATURE TO RAISE THE AGE QUALIFICATIONS FOR DRIVERS! HE FEELS IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO END THE RECKLESS DRIVING THAT'S BEEN GOING ON IN THE TOWN!



IT MAY SOLVE THE PROBLEM TEMPORARILY, BUT IT DOESN'T CURE RECKLESSNESS! THERE SHOULD BE SOME BETTER WAY—SOME WAY WHERE THE BOYS THEMSELVES WOULD DEVELOP A MORE SERIOUS ATTITUDE TOWARD DRIVING! LET ME STUDY THE CASE!

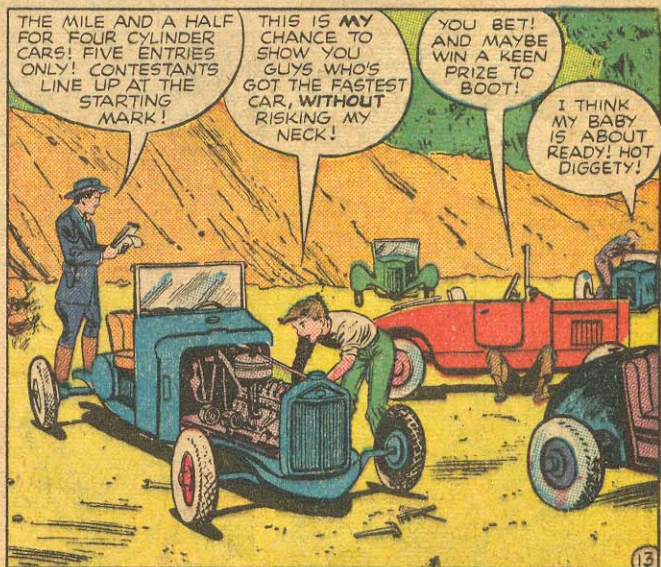
MAYBE I CAN FIGURE AN ANGLE!



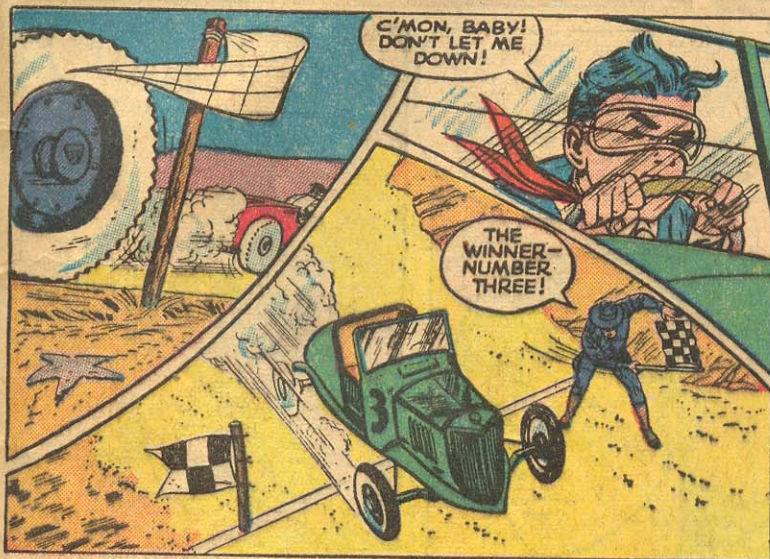




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SOME DRIVING, CRAIG! WHAT WERE YOU BURNING? T.N.T.?

THANKS, JERRY, BUT I THINK YOU'D'VE WON IF YOUR ENGINE HADN'T GIVEN YOU TROUBLE! SINCE WE'RE IN A DEAD HEAT, WE BOTH TAKE HOME THE BACON! LOOK—REFRESHMENTS! LET'S GET SOME!

LET'S CALL OFF THAT CRAZY FEUD STUFF! WHAT DO YOU SAY, JERRY?

SUITS ME! IT WAS MY FAULT THAT IT STARTED! IF IT WEREN'T FOR ME, PINKY'D BE HERE NOW!

I'M GLAD YOU FELLOWS CAME OUT FOR THE RACES TODAY! WE PLAN TO RUN THEM OFF EVERY MONTH THROUGH THE SUMMER AND WE HOPE YOU'LL COMPETE! WE WANT YOU TO DO YOUR RACING HERE—AND NOT ON THE HIGHWAYS, SO THAT YOU WON'T ENDANGER OTHER PEOPLE, OR YOURSELVES!

THE ONLY REQUIREMENTS THAT WILL BE INSISTED UPON FOR YOU TO BE ELIGIBLE, ARE THAT YOUR LICENSES WILL BE CLEAN OF ALL TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS, AND THAT WE'LL HAVE RECEIVED NO REPORTS OF MORE SPEEDING OR RECKLESS RACING AMONG YOURSELVES! THAT'S FAIR ENOUGH, ISN'T IT?

YOU SAID IT, CRIMEBUSTER! I FOR ONE, WANT TO SAY, I'VE BEEN PRETTY MUCH OF A FOOL, AND I'M SORRY!

THAT GOES FOR ME, TOO!

FOR ALL OF US!

I'M GLAD YOU ALL FEEL THAT WAY, BECAUSE RIGHT HERE, I HAVE A SIGNED ORDER FROM THE GOVERNOR, AUTHORIZING THE LOCAL POLICE TO RAISE THE DRIVING AGE FOR LICENSES TO EIGHTEEN! IF YOU'D HELD OUT AGAINST US, WE'D HAVE HAD TO ALLOW IT TO GO INTO EFFECT! THIS WAY, AS LONG AS YOU MEAN WHAT YOU SAY, YOUR LICENSES WILL REMAIN VALID!

BOY! WHAT A BREAK FOR US!

NEXT TIME, ALONG WITH THE RACES, WE'LL HAVE A QUIZ CONTEST ON THE TRAFFIC RULES IN THE DRIVERS' MANUAL! THERE'LL BE GOOD PRIZES—SO, STUDY UP! AND ONE LAST THING..WE NEED A NAME FOR THIS RACE TRACK..GOT ANY SUGGESTIONS?

I'D LIKE TO SEE IT CALLED "PALMER TRACK", IN HONOR OF PINKY PALMER! HE WAS A SWELL GUY AND WE MISS HIM!

GOOD IDEA!

IT'S SWELL OF YOU TO TOW MY CAR BACK FOR ME, CRAIG!

THINK NOTHING OF IT, JERRY BOY! AM I GLAD THAT CAR CRASHING GAME OF OURS IS OVER FOR GOOD! WE MUST HAVE BEEN CRAZY TO HAVE ACTED THAT WAY!

NOW YOU SOUND LIKE THE SWEET BOYS YOU USED TO BE! LET'S ALL GO TO THE DANCE TOGETHER SHALL WE? MY COUSIN DOTTIE IS VISITING, SO HOW ABOUT A FOUR-SOME?

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## Azerbaijan

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The people of Azerbaijan numbering between three to four million, are mostly of Turkish descent with Persians next in predominance. Some of the inhabitants are direct descendants of the early Tartars and Moslems who roamed about this locality long before Christ.

Azerbaijan for many long years has been a part of the Russian Empire. In October 1917, when the Empire fell, Azerbaijan declared its independence and set up a republic. During this period, Azerbaijan printed its own postage stamps. Due to a lack of supplies, the stamps were printed in a process and on a paper similar to the printing of this book. The finished stamps were not perforated and really look as though



View of Baku

they have been cut out of comic books with a scissors.

In 1920, after some internal difficulties, a committee appealed to Soviet Russia for assistance and on April 28th of that year Azerbaijan was admitted to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR). Since 1923, Russian stamps have been in use in Azerbaijan.

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A fan, Betty Davidson  
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Respectfully, H. Williams  
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Sincerely, M. Linder  
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I have just finished your June publication of **BOY** comics and I agree one hundred per cent in regard to your twelve 'don'ts' of censorship. If all magazines followed the rules set forth, we would have better reading throughout America.

Yours truly, George Hazel  
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Sincerely, James Hudson  
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I'M NOT  
EVEN HALF  
THROUGH.

GIVE US MORE TIME!

BOY! ARE THESE  
PROBLEMS EVER  
TOUGH!?

**NEXT  
DAY**

I REGRET TO TELL YOU THAT HALF  
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PLEASE TELL US HOW YOU DID IT?



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